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1. ACCELERATED REORGANIZATION OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS RESULTED IN ENLARGEMENT OF THE CADET CORPS FROM 45 TO 107 AND MOVED UP TIMING FOR ANNUAL MILITARY ACADEMY CADET TRAINING IN CANAL ZONE TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY 1974 INSTEAD OF AUGUST 1974. THIS GENERATES AN UNFORESEEN $310,300.00 AUGMENTATION REQUIREMENT IN THE BOLIVIAN FY 74 MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TRAINING. DOLLAR FIGURE IS PROGRAM-COSTED AND DOES NOT REFLECT POSSIBLE REDUCED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS WITH
RESPECT TO TRANSPORTATION BY US OR BOLIVIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT. IF TRANSPORTATION NOT FURNISHED BY COMMERCIAL MEANS, ADJUSTMENT TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION COSTS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE AS FOLLOWS:
$277,130.00 (WITH TRANSORTATION BY MAC)
$265,360.00 (WITH TRANSPORTATION BY BAF)

2. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MILITARY ACADEMY INPUT TO THE OFFICER CORPS SINCE THE LATE FORTIES AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES AND GOVERNMENT DURING THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEAR PERIOD IS CLEAR. I, AND THE COUNTRY TEAM, HAVE REVIEWED NUMEROUS OPTIONS TO MEET THIS EXCEPTIONAL REQUIREMENT AND RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT
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SUPPORT NECESSARY FUNDING FOR CALENDAR YEAR CHANGE AND SIZE OF CLASS

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IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE TO IMMEDIATE AND MID-RANGE U.S. INTEREST.
THE ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION REVIEWED BY THE COUNTRY TEAM ARE
AS FOLLOWS:

A. SELECTED ATTENDANCE BY ACADEMICALLY SUPERIOR CADETS. THIS
OPTION COULD NOT BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED BY BOLIVIAN GENERAL STAFF
FOR THE SAME REASON PRESENTED AT THE TIME RECOMMENDATION MADE TO
SEND THE ESCUELA DE ESTUDIOS MILITARES (CGSC) CLASS TOGETHER TO
CONUS. CLASS SOLIDARITY IS AN IMPORT CONCEPT IN BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES.

B. OMIT CADET CLASS FOR FEBRUARY, 1974. THIS IS POSSIBLE BUT
WITH GREAT RISK TO MISSION- BOLIVIAN RAPPORT AND WOULD STRAIN CREDI-
BILITY OF OUR POSITION ON IMPORTANCE OF TRANING. IN ADDTION THIS
DOES NOT ENTIRELY SOLVE PROBLEM, BUT MERELY POSTPONES IT UNTIL
NEXT YEAR.

C. FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PACKAGE (FMS). THIS REQUIRED
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND THE CHIEF OF THE
BOLIVIAN ARMY MOST LIKELY EMPHASIZING QUARTERLY PAYMENTS FOR THE
PROPOSED LIABILITY. THIS ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION IS NOT FEASIBLE
NOR SUITABLE IN THAT THE HOST COUNTRY MILITARY BUDGET CANNOT ACCEPT
SUCH A LARGE COST.

D. COMBINATION FMS/GRANT AID (GA) PACKAGE. THE HOST COUNTRY
CANNOT REALLY AFFORD AND IS NOT LIKELY ACCEPT ANY PORTION OF THIS
COST. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TRAINING FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE
WITHOUT DISRUPTING A WELL PLANNED AND WELL COORDINATED PACKAGE FOR FY
74.

E. CONDUCT TRAINING IN FY 74 BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY UTILIZING
A 9-WEEK COURSE. THIS COURSE OF ACTION WAS NOT RECOMMENDED PRIMARILY
BECAUSE THE HIGHLIGHT OF CADET TRAINING IS THE 18-WEEK COURSE IN
PANAMA. THE STIGMA OF RECEIVING ONE HALF OF THE COURSE RECEIVED BY
PREVIOUS CLASSES WOULD HAVE ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON THIS FIRS
T
LARGE CLASS.

CONDUCT THE CADET TRAINING FOR THE NORMAL 18 WEEKS UTILIZING
ONE HALF THE CLASS IN FEBRUARY 1974 ANDTHE REMAINDER IN FY 75
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BEGINNING
IN AUGUST. THIS WAS NOT RECOMMENDED PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE CLASS
SOLIDARITY CONCEPT.

G. INITIATE A REQUEST FOR A ONE TIME FULL FUNDING TO SEND 107
CADETS IN FEBRUARY 1974 FOR A FULL 18 WEEKS.

3. COUNTRY TEAM RECOMMENDS COURSE OF ACTION 2.G. ASKING FOR A ONE

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TIME EXCEPTIONAL REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FY 74 FUNDING TO SUPPORT
THIS TRAINING. IF COURSE OF ACTION2.G. IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, THEN
COURSE OF ACTION 2.F. BECOMES THE NEXT BEST OPTION.

4. BOTH COMUSARSO/SCARMA-T AND THE U.S. ARMY SCHOOL OF THE
AMERICAS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY CAN ACCOMODATE THE CHANGE SHOULD
FUNDING BECOME AVAILABLE.

5. I RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROVE
A ONE TIME INCREASE TO MAP-T FOR $310,000.00 TO MEET THE UNFORESEEN
REQUIREMENT.
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